

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 1 18, wherein said support ring comprises a bottom fixed to said cylinder and a sleeve extending from said bottom around said cylinder, at least part of said sleeve section of said spring plate being received in said sleeve of said support ring.
4. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 1 18, wherein said support ring comprises an ~~a connecting~~ opening for receiving said initially flowable ~~formable~~ material.
5. (canceled)
6. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 1 18, wherein said support ring comprises a circumferentially limited engagement profile which receives said initially flowable ~~formable~~ material.

7. (previously presented) The spring strut unit of claim 6, wherein said engagement profile comprises at least one pocket.
8. (previously presented) The spring strut unit of claim 7, wherein said support ring has an edge, said at least one pocket extending only to a point below said edge.
9. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 4 18, wherein said sleeve section has an inside wall facing said cylinder, said anti-rotation profile being a pocket provided in said inside wall.
10. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 6, wherein said support ring comprises a bottom fixed to said cylinder and a sleeve extending from said bottom around said cylinder, at least part of said sleeve section of said spring plate being received in said sleeve of said support ring, said engagement profile being provided in said bottom of said support ring.
11. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 1 18, wherein said anti-rotation profile comprises at least one opening in said sleeve section of said spring plate.
12. (withdrawn) A spring strut unit as in claim 5, wherein said support ring comprises a circumferentially limited engagement profile which receives said initially formable material, said unit further comprising an anti-rotation sleeve which engages in the said anti-rotation profile of the said spring plate and in the said engagement profile of the said support ring.

13. (withdrawn) A spring strut unit as in claim 12, wherein said sleeve section has an end surface, said support ring comprises a connecting opening for receiving said initially formable material, and said anti-rotation sleeve has a flow connection between the end surface of the sleeve section and the connecting opening in the support ring.

14. (withdrawn) A spring strut unit as in claim 12 wherein said support ring comprises a circumferentially limited engagement profile which receives said initially formable material, said anti-rotation sleeve being supported in a permanent axial position inside the engagement profile of the support ring.

15. (currently amended) The spring strut unit of claim 14, wherein said support ring comprises a circumferentially limited engagement profile, said engagement profile being received in said anti-rotation profile.

16. (currently amended) A The spring strut unit of claim 15 comprising:

~~a cylinder;~~

~~a support ring permanently connected to said cylinder and forming a chamber around said cylinder, said chamber being at least partially filled with an initially formable material;~~

~~a spring plate having a sleeve section fitted around said cylinder and against said initially formable material so that said initially formable material, in a solidified state, transmits~~

~~supporting forces along a path of force transmission from said cylinder to said spring plate; and~~

~~means for preventing rotation of said spring plate with respect to said cylinder in said path of force transmission, said means comprising a circumferentially limited anti-rotation~~

~~profile in said sleeve section and a circumferentially limited engagement profile in said support ring, said anti-rotation profile and said engagement profile receiving said initially formable material;~~

wherein said engagement profile of said support ring has at least one radial projection which engages in ~~the~~ said anti-rotation profile of ~~the~~ said spring plate.

17. (previously presented) The spring strut unit of claim 16, wherein said radial projection is located outside said chamber.

18. (new) A spring strut unit, comprising:

an elongated cylinder;

a support ring permanently connected to said cylinder and forming a chamber between said cylinder and said support ring;

a spring plate having a sleeve section extending into said chamber, said sleeve section being adjustably movable within said chamber relative to said cylinder;

a hardened material at least partially filling said chamber for fixing said sleeve section against movement within said chamber along said cylinder elongation and against rotation of said sleeve section within said chamber relative to said cylinder; and

a circumferentially limited anti-rotation profile comprising at least one of an opening and a pocket defined in said sleeve section for preventing said rotation of the sleeve section within said chamber relative to said cylinder;

said hardened material comprising an initially flowable material that is placed in said chamber in a flowable state with said sleeve section adjusted to a desired position along said

cylinder elongation and which then hardens *in situ* to maintain the sleeve section in said chamber at said desired position along said cylinder elongation and cooperates with said anti-rotation profile to maintain the sleeve section in said chamber against rotation of the sleeve section within said chamber relative to said cylinder.

19. (new) A method of assembling the spring strut unit according to claim 18 comprising:
providing a cylinder and a support ring permanently connected to said cylinder;

forming a chamber between said cylinder and said support ring; providing a spring plate having a sleeve section and at least one circumferentially limited anti-rotation profile comprising at least one of an opening and a pocket defined in said sleeve section;

inserting said sleeve section of said spring plate to a desired extent into said chamber;
filling said chamber and said anti-rotation profile at least partly with an initially flowable material; and thereafter

hardening said material so that said hardened material transmits a supporting force along a path of force transmission from said cylinder to said spring plate, and prevents rotation of said spring plate with respect to said cylinder.

20. (new) A spring strut unit comprising:

a cylinder;

a support ring permanently connected to said cylinder and forming a chamber around said cylinder; said chamber being at least partially filled with an initially formable material;

a spring plate having a sleeve section fitted around said cylinder and against said initially formable material so that said initially formable material, in a solidified state, transmits a

supporting force along a path of force transmission from said cylinder to said spring plate, said sleeve section having an inside wall facing said cylinder;

means for preventing rotation of said spring plate with respect to said cylinder, in said path of force transmission, said means comprising at least one circumferentially limited radial pocket formed in the inside wall of said sleeve section, said pocket receiving said initially formable material;

wherein said support ring comprises a circumferentially limited engagement profile which receives said initially flowable material; and

wherein said support ring comprises a bottom fixed to said cylinder and a sleeve extending from said bottom around said cylinder, at least part of said sleeve section of said spring plate being received in said sleeve of said support ring, said engagement profile being provided in said bottom of said support ring.